

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.com

Rectory Office Hours:
Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur

Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith
Secretary's Assistant
Ellen Kelly

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 to make arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 6PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

E Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

R Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO THE GREAT IN 1995.

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

MARCH 12, 2017



Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112

Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School:

Web: www.bishopguilfoyle.org – 944-4014

Directors of Religious Education:

Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Confessions @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11

Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:
Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 8:00 AM
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

FATIMA AFTER 100 YEARS

Does Fatima have relevance today? Yes, but we must focus on the right things.

As late as 2005, Sr. Lucia would express frustration that people still wanted to dwell on the miracles and secret. She told Dr. Paul, "I am not focusing on the miracles. I am more focused on the 10 Commandments. We are going to be judged on the 10 Commandments when we die. We must stop offending God. We must know God."

She summed this up in what she called her 11th Commandment. "Do whatever God tells you. That is what Our Lady wants."

In 1982, one year after the assassination attempt, Pope John Paul II journeyed to Fatima to thank Mary for sparing his life. There, he called the "message of Fatima... more relevant than it was 65 years ago, It is more urgent." Substitute 100 for 65, and the quote catches up to us in 2017.

The message comes with a warning of dire consequences if the world continues to shun God and make no mistake: The world continues to shun God, as evidenced in our never-ending wars and acts of terrorism, our killing of innocents in the womb, our hedonistic excesses... the list goes on.

Something does seem amiss, from global warming to the culture of death, from our neglect of the very young and old to the myriad persecutions of the Church and conflicts across the globe. One wonders: How long will God keep His patience?

Our Lady urges us to pray the Rosary daily, and also to offer sacrifices as acts of reparation for the conversion of sinners and for sins against her Immaculate Heart.

Mary's message is this: There is still time..

It is never too late — until it becomes too late.

Timeline continued:

- Aug. 13, 1917: **The local mayor kidnaps the child visionaries. They are held for several days, threatened with being boiled in oil if they will not tell the secret entrusted to them.**
- Aug 15, 1917: **Children released on the Solemnity of the Assumption.**
- Aug. 19, 1917: **Fourth apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady repeats her previous requests for the children to come to the apparition site at the same time each month, and says "Pray, Pray very much. Make sacrifices for sinners.**
Many souls go to hell, because no one is willing to help them with sacrifice."
- Sept. 13, 1917: **Fifth apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady tells the children, "Continue the Rosary, my children. Say it every day that the war may end. In October our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world." She also asks them to ease their physical mortifications.**
- Oct. 13, 1917: **Sixth apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. She tells the children "I am the Lady of the Rosary.**
...People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended!" Though it was raining on the day of the apparition and had been doing so for more than a day before the miracle, when Lucia cries out, "Look at the people see the sun spinning changing colors and "dancing." At one point, the sun seems to fall toward the earth, leading many to think it is the end of the world. When the miracle ceases, the ground, which had been soaked minutes earlier is inexplicably dry. Numerous newspapers carry reports from journalists on the scene. For miles around, there are eyewitnesses to the miracle.
- Oct. 24-25, 1917: **October Revolution in Russia. Bolsheviks take power.**
- Nov. 11, 1918: **End of World War I.**
- April 4, 1919: **Death of Francisco.**
- Feb. 20, 1920: **Death of Jacinta.**
- Dec. 10, 1925: **Apparition of Our Lady and the Christ Child to Lucia in Pontevedra, Spain. The Christ Child describes how Mary's Heart is wounded by blasphemies and out rages against it. The Blessed Virgin requests the Five First Saturdays devotion.**
- Feb. 15, 1926: **Our Lord appears to Sr. Lucia as the Christ Child to reiterate Mary's request for the Five First Saturdays.**
- Dec. 17, 1927: **Sister Lucia given permission by our Lord to write down the first two parts of the secret.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 12, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17: 1-9
Today's Intention - Mary Wozniak

March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4: 5-42
*10:30 AM Michael F. Zaczek, Ann. (Carol Smith)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

March 13, Monday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Dn 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38
6:45 AM Deceased Relatives of IHM
8:00 AM Rose Ann Himmelein (Carl Makdad)
12:00 PM John Tomlinson, Anniversary (Family)

March 14, Tuesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Is 1:10,16-20; Mt 23:1-12
***6:45 AM Thomas Stoltz, Jr. (Rose Keranen)**
8:00 AM Kathy Cowan/Robbie Lutz (Aunt Skip)
12:00 PM B-day Inten. Eric Hockenberry, Sr.(Wife)

March 15, Wednesday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
6:45 AM McGrough Family (M/M James Brannen)
8:00 AM Anna Mercer (Paul and Family)
12:00 PM Bea Mannion (Cathedral Parish)

March 16, Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Readings: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16:19-31
***6:45 AM Jack Douglass (M/M Joseph Knott)**
8:00 AM Esther Dorazio (Family)
12:00 PM Jim Davidson (Susan Kapfhammer)

March 17, Friday: Saint Patrick, Bishop

Readings: Gn 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)
***8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Kevin and Jane Byrne)**
12:00 PM Garth A. Freet, Jr. (Joe Dzurenko)

March 18, Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bish., Doc.

Readings: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
8:00 AM Herb Kutruff (Maloney Family)
12:00 PM Thomas and Mary Irwin (Children)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

Readings: Ex17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4: 5-42
5:00 PM Joanna Tetanich (Bunnie Kyle)

***Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have
Mercy on Me, A Sinner***

MARCH 12, 2017
Scripture Reflection

In Scripture, the desert is the place to discover the limits of the human spirit and the mountain is the place to encounter the spirit of God. During Lent we visit both: last week the desert, today the mountain.

In the First Reading, God directs Abram to leave his homeland for a new land. An encounter with God often leads to a journey. This journey represents a new spiritual discovery in the relationship with God. When we speak of our Lenten journey, we don't actually take a trip, but rather embark on a spiritual journey, an exercise of self-examination. Whenever God asks us to move into the future and deepen our relationship with him, we are accompanied by blessings only God can provide.

Our Jewish/Christian tradition holds the belief that mountain peaks lie on the border of heaven and earth. On high mountains, God can reveal in visions what the world looks like from a heavenly perspective. Today's Gospel records such a vision. Several motifs reveal that although Jesus and the apostles had not left the ground they had entered a place more like the heavens. They saw a light as brilliant as the sun, they were covered by a cloud, and they encountered two men, Moses and Elijah, who many believed had been transported directly to the divine realm at the end of their lives. On this mountain God showed Peter, James and John what Jesus looks like in heaven: the Son bears the Father's divine glory.

All Christians are called to reflect Christ's transfigured glory. The rite of baptism celebrated at the Easter vigil, for which Lent is preparing us, alludes to this: "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light." The light we pray for is the same as the love we learn in discipleship. All Christians are called to reveal a love like Christ's that gives up everything in service to our brothers and sisters, no matter the consequences. Glory in heaven might look like sacrifice on earth, but behind it all is the love that God offers us and dreams for us to share with each other.

- **Have you ever seen a love so pure that you caught a glimpse of God's glory?**

Out and About...

ORDER OF CELEBRATING MATRIMONY

Liturgical Reflection...

Every person experiences evil around and within himself. This experience of sin makes itself felt in the relationship between man and woman (husband and wife). Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1606). To heal these wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God provides in the Sacrament of Marriage. God's infinite mercy is always available and readily given to the spouses.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

- 03/14 Ed Ptak
- 03/15 Rachael Hosgood, Olivia Ronan
- 03/17 Helen Glashouser
- 03/18 Jillian Brannan, Zachary Ronan
- 03/19 Lisa Levine



2017 \$AV-A-ROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS
THE BOOKS ARE \$25.00 NATIONAL COUPONS ALSO!
Some of the coupons are valid immediately. The book has a value of \$5,000. We have a few coupon books left. I have been asked to reduce the price to \$18.00. Thank You for your purchases.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas...

Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 is hosting the Stations of the Cross for the Youth and their family members on Saturday, March 25th, from 10:30-11:30 am at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church.

APPLE DUMPLING SALE...

We will be selling "Apple Dumplings for your "Palm Sunday Breakfast and or Brunch" @ \$4.00 each. Fill out the pew sheet or call the rectory @ 942-0371 or e-mail your order to: olfoff10@hotmail.com. Deadline is Wed, March 29. Pickup is Wed, Apr. 5th before Palm Sunday.



March 2017 Contributions

March 5, 2017	Env Used	61/149
Weekly	1507.00	
Cmas Club	98.00	
Votives	97.00	
Children's	7.00	
Music	5.00	
Shrine	30.00	
Fuel	10.00	
Ash Wed.	75.00	
Catholic Reg.	28.00	
Parking lot	1050.00	
Total Dep	2982.00	

February Expenditures will be noted next week due to lack of time this week. czs

March co-op winners

1	012	Quinlan, Sara	\$50.00
2	915	Marshman, Becky	\$50.00
3	957	Hillwig, Grace	\$50.00
4	727	Barry, Ruth	\$50.00
5	938	Keagy, Chris	\$50.00
6	954	Raia, Christine	\$100.00

2nd Sunday of Lent (March 12)

As Saint Paul reminds us, each of us has been called to a holy life according to God's own design. How can you use your giftedness to make Jesus Christ present to others?



Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

MATTHEW 25 YOUTH HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

Are you aware of a young person in elementary or secondary school whose service to others reflects the spirit of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25, the mission of Catholic Charities – to serve, inform and advocate on behalf of the poor, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching?

Annually, Catholic Charities has honored young men and women from across the eight counties of the Diocese with the Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award at our Annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner (scheduled this year for May 31, 2017 at the Altoona Grand Hotel).

This award is given to elementary and high school students for demonstrating exceptional service to their communities, especially service to the poor and needy. This service is “above and beyond” required school community service hours. Award winners will receive a scholarship for tuition/school/college expenses and a plaque recognizing their achievements. The award winners, their parents and the person nominating the student will be invited to attend the May 31st dinner as our guests.

Once again we are asking for your help in nominating students from your school and/or parish religious education classes. If you would like to nominate a student, please complete the attached nomination form and return it by March 31, 2017 to:

Catholic Charities, Inc. Recognition Award Nomination P.O. Box
1349
Altoona, PA 16603-1349

If you have any question about the award criteria, please do not hesitate to call me at the Catholic Charities Altoona Office (814) 944-9388.

Thank you for all that you do to support the children and families in our diocesan communities.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.
MATTHEW 25 YOUTH HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Youth Nomination Form – 2017

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. ‘Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

Name of Student: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Student’s Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

Please attach a one-page description of how this student has demonstrated “exceptional” service to his/her community, especially service to the poor, marginalized and needy within our diocese. Service must be “above and beyond” what is required for community service hours and/or service to the parish.

Recommended by:

Signature

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parish/School/Agency: _____

Position: _____

All nomination forms must be submitted by March 31, 2017. Please mail to:

Catholic Charities, Inc. Recognition
Award Nomination P.O. Box 1349
Altoona, PA 16603-1349

Nomination forms may also be faxed to: (814) 941-2677

Or emailed to: jjohnstone@dioceseaj.org

Prayer and Luncheon for Widows and Widowers throughout our Diocese

Remember your loved ones on Monday, March 20 (first day of Spring) with Mass at 11:00 am. Theme of the day: "No Winter Lasts Forever...Spring Offers a New Beginning." All spouses will be mentioned and remembered at Mass. Luncheon to follow. Widows and widowers throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and hosted by the Immaculate Conception Church, 1640 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Reservations required by March 14. A \$5 donation is suggested. Contact the Family Life Office at 814-886-5551 or [familylife\(a\).diocesear.org](mailto:familylife(a).diocesear.org).

SAVE THE DATE!

The Shroud of Turin Talk will be held at St. Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 3:00PM. In 2013 Bill Wingard established "Shroud Talks" to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle the biggest mystery...Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth? Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwortz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full size replica of the Shroud of Turin. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras. No tickets are required; a love offering will be collected. For more information, contact Deacon Michael Russo at (814) 288-3036 or email: michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt...

Try having a scavenger hunt with your family on St. Patrick's Day. Give your family 45 minutes or so to collect these items: Green pepper, green pear and apple, green note paper, shamrock, green tape, one dollar bill, green pencil, green button, green shoe, green hair ribbon, green crayon, green hat, a plant, pack of green gum, jelly beans, etc.

Afterward, celebrate with a green snack- green finger Jell-O, celery, pepper, apple and pear slices or limeade.
Adapted from **FAMILY TIME**: The Pennsylvania State University, 112 Agricultural Administration Building
University Park, PA 16802

MAY 13, 2017

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OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY AND OFFER SACRIFICES
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

JUNE 29, 2017

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